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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 2006.

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Statement

1. We the undersigned NGOs commend the Commission for Social Development for recognizing the importance of "Promoting Full Employment: Decent Work for All." In accordance with United Nations General Assembly Resolution 6133 on: "Follow Up of the International Year of the Family," which calls on the Secretariat to continue promoting family issues within the United Nations system, we urge the Commission to address the following issues.

2. Family-friendly policies such as day care, parental leave benefits, preschool programs, elder care, mental health, social services and other publicly subsidized measures to reduce the friction between family care-giving and holding a job.

- Job development, full employment, and decent work;
- Education and job training to enhance marketable skills for all, especially vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities;
- Employment policies which promote family cohesion and provide health and social services;
- Equity between women and men regarding employment;
- Strict Government enforcement of international child labor standards;
- Safe working environments free of health hazards; and
- Trade and development policies which make labor migration a matter of choice rather than necessity.

3. **We strongly urge the Commission to include these key issues in its final documents to underscore the critical need for measures which promote full employment and decent work for all.**